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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Grossenbain airfield between 16 November and 2 December 1953:

16 November. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual flights of about 10 minutes duration were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 600 meters and a visibility range of 4 km. About 4 p.m., 17 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

17 November. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the sky was closed and visibility was limited to about 7 km. Swept-back jet fighters flying individually headed west and, after 10 to 15 minutes, landed at the field. Other swept-back jet fighters made aerobatics and dives, pulling out of dive at altitudes of 100 and 200 meters. About 3:30 p.m., 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were observed at the field.

18 November. Between noon and 2 p.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. There was a 2/10 overcast and visibility of about 7 km.

19 and 20 November. No flights were made. There was a closed ceiling, poor visibility and intermittent fog.

23 and 24 November. No flying was practiced. There was a closed ceiling and fog on 23 November and good weather on the next day.

25 November. Between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks. The aircraft made local flights of 5 to 10 minutes duration. There were no clouds.

26 November. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., only a few individual flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s.

30 November. No air activity was observed. The weather was cloudless and visibility was limited to about 8 km.

1 and 2 December. No air activity was observed. There was hazy weather and visibility was limited to 3 km. On 2 December at 3:30 p.m., 13 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

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2. Between 23 November and 3 December [redacted] infantry training was given near the billeting buildings.

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5. The following observations were made at the field between 19 and 28 November:

19 November. No air activity was observed. There was a visibility range of 1 km.

20 to 23 November. There was no air activity. It rained and the weather was foggy. On 23 November, the alert flight of 4 MiG-15s was still parked at the usual dispersal area. Two tank trucks and 2 trucks were parked next to the aircraft. Around 4:30 p.m., only two aircraft were parked at the alert site. 1 Truck [redacted] was observed at the field.

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24 November. No air activity was observed.

25 November. About 10:30 a.m., some flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. The sky was 3/10 overcast. At 11 a.m., eight MiG-15s which probably did not belong to Grossenhain airfield were observed aloft slightly south of the field. Around noon, a single-engine aircraft made acrobatics.

27 to 30 November. No air activity was observed.

28 November. A conspicuously large number of Soviet women wearing uniforms with air force insignia was observed in the town.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that there was only little air activity by the two fighter regiments at Grossenhain airfield as had also been observed during the first half of November 1953. Most of the total aircraft strength of 60 to 65 MiG-15s are parked in the hangars.

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